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Dear Ms. Wood:

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PART 315
POLE ATTACHMENT RATES' TERMS AND CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES AND
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### CERTIFICATE

I, ROSE M. CLAGGETT, do hereby certify that I am Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission of the State of Illinois and keeper of the records and seal of said Commission.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the following:

83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 315, adopted at 9 Ill. Reg. 2471, effective February 13, 1985.

Given under my hand and seal of said Illinois Commerce Commission at Springfield, Illinois, on April 8, 1985.

Chief Clerk

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#### Section 315.30 Procedure

- a) Where a pole attachment agreement is not exempt pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 105 and 710 (formerly the Commission's General Orders 175 and 199), so that consent and approval of the Commission is required by Section 27 of "An Act concerning public utilities" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 111-2/3, par. 27), and where the parties thereto have agreed to the annual rental rate specified in such agreement, the utility's petition for consent to and approval of the agreement shall be accompanied by verified statements of concurrence as to the rate, signed by a representative of each party. In such cases, no showing shall be required that the rental rate is equal to the rate resulting from the formula set forth in Section 315.20 hereof.
- Where a pole attachment agreement is not exempt pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 105 and 710 (formerly the Commission's General Orders 175 and 199), so that consent and approval of the Commission is required by Section 27 of "An Act concerning public utilities" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 111-2/3, par. 27), and where the parties thereto have not agreed to an annual rental rate, the utility's petition for consent to and approval of the agreement shall be accompanied by an exhibit or exhibits showing that the rental rate proposed by the utility is equal to the rate resulting from the formula set forth in Section 315.20 hereof, or if there is a deviation from the formula, a statement explaining any deviations therefrom. Commission decisions under this Part shall be governed by the following standard: Costs will be assessed on a fully allocated basis so that neither the CATV company nor the public utility subsidizes the operations of the other. In determining whether to approve deviations from the formula set forth in Section 315.20, the Commission shall first consider the benefits to be derived by each party to the agreement, and then determine whether charges have been apportioned in accordance with those benefits.
- c) Where a pole attachment agreement provides that the annual rental rate shall be adjusted each year based on the most recent data applied in accordance with the formula set forth in Section 315.20 hereof, the consent and approval of the Commission to the rental rate resulting from such annual adjustment shall be required.

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- E) "DOC" is the depreciated original cost of the pole account as of the end of the most recent calendar year; and
- F) "OC" is the original cost of the pole account, as of the end of the most recent calendar year.
- e) The electric accounts mentioned in this Section are those required to be maintained by 83 Ill. Adm. Code 415. The telephone accounts mentioned in this Section are those required to be maintained by 83 Ill. Adm. Code 710.

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the most recent completed calendar year, divided by the investment in electric or telephone utility plant in-service (including amounts unclassified and allocated common plant, if any) at the most recently completed calendar year.

- "Depreciation expense carrying charge" shall be the 3) annual depreciation rate applied to electric utility Account 364 or telephone utility Account 241, expressed as a decimal, for the most recently completed calendar year.
- "Taxes other than income taxes carrying charge" shall be calculated using a methodology which reasonably develops the expense of invested capital tax and real estate tax for the most recently completed calendar year for which figures are available attributable to the ownership of the facilities recorded in Account 364 or 241, divided by the book cost of such plant.
- "Return and income taxes carrying charge" shall be determined by the utility by considering the rates of return currently being permitted on depreciated original cost rate bases by the Commission. With said rate of return so determined, the return and income tax carrying charge shall be computed as follows:

$$RIT = \frac{r}{1.0 - f - s + fs} \times \frac{DOC}{OC}$$

#### Where:

- "RIT" is the return and income tax carrying
- "T" B) is the rate of return expressed as a decimal:
- C) "f" is the effective federal income tax rate as charged by the utility in the most recently completed calendar year expressed as a decimal;
- D) is the effective state income tax rate as charged by the utility in the most recently completed calendar year, expressed as a decimal;

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Section 315.20 Preferred Pole Attachment Rental Rate Formula

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Subject to the provisions of Section 315.30 below, an annual pole attachment rental rate included in a pole attachment agreement between a CATV company and a public utility which is presented to the Commission for consent and approval under Section 27 of "An Act concerning public utilities" (Ill. Rev. Stat.1983, ch. 111-2/3, par. 27) shall be presumed to be just and reasonable if shown to be equal to the rate resulting from the following formula:

Rental Rate=.333 (Cost per pole)x(CATV Space) x(Carrying Charge)

#### Where:

- a) "Cost per Pole" shall be the utility's book investment in 35 feet wooden distribution poles included in the electric utility Account 364 or telephone utility Account 241 at the most recent December 31, divided by the number of 35 feet wooden poles included in the account at such date.
- b) "CATV Space" shall be 1.5 feet, representing an allocation to the CATV company of 1 foot of the useful space for the CATV attachments and 6 inches of the neutral space on a joint use pole used by electric and communication utilities.
- c) "Total Usable Space" shall be 10 feet of a standard 35 feet distribution pole.
- d) "Carrying Charge" shall include the sum of the following components determined in the following manner:
  - 1) "Maintenance costs carrying charge" shall be the maintenance expense attributed to the maintenance of the poles and other equipment set forth in the respective electric utility Account 364 or telephone utility Account 241 as recorded in the books of accounts for the most recently completed calendar year divided by the respective cost of plant recorded in such plant account for the most recently completed calendar year.
  - 7) "Administrative and general costs carrying charge" shall be calculated as the sum of the expenses recorded in the electric utility Accounts 920 through 932 or telephone utility Accounts 661 through 677 for

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Section 315.10 Statement of Purpose and Commission Policy

- a) The purpose of this rule is to designate a preferred methodology for computation of annual rental rates to be paid by cable television ("CATV") companies to electric and telephone public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission for the use of space on such utilities' distribution poles for attachment of CATV cables and associated facilities.
- b) It is the policy of the Illinois Commerce Commission that CATV companies and public utilities should, to the maximum extent possible, endeavor to establish pole attachment rental rates through negotiation and without resort to the processes of the Commission. The preferred pole attachment rental rate formula is designated herein in order to provide guidance to all parties in such negotiations and to set forth the methodology the Commission intends to follow in exercising its authority under Section 27 of "An Act concerning public utilities" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 111-2/3, par. 27) with respect to such controverted cases as are brought before it.

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PART 315

POLE ATTACHMENT RATES, TERMS

AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES

AND ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE PUBLIC UTILITIES

#### Section

315.10 Statement of Purpose and Commission Policy 315.20 Preferred Pole Attachment Rental Rate Formula

315.30 Procedure

AUTHORITY: Implementing Section 27 and authorized by Section 8 of "An Act concerning public utilities" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 111-2/3, pars. 27 and 8).

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